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**Stephen Tyahla** to: Steve Armann

02/04/2011 11:50 AM

From: Stephen Tyahla/R9/USEPA/US  
To: Steve Armann/R9/USEPA/US@EPA,  
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Steve A.,  
I just got this. Bill Keener's forward did not include you, but did go to Arlene and Jeff.  
It's well above my paygrade, but should someone show this to Keith?

Lunch time!!!

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Date: 02/04/2011 11:00 AM  
Subject: Fw: [FWD: FW: Call for resignation or removal of DOH Deputy Gary Gill made]

I am forwarding Carroll Cox's "media release" piece calling for Gary Gill's resignation -- the only EPA-related statement that Carroll makes is: "Gill quickly backtracked on his statement after Cox called the EPA and learned the Deputy Health Director's statements were not true."

-----Forwarded by Bill Keener/R9/USEPA/US on 02/04/2011 10:55AM -----

To: Bill Keener/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
From: <carrollcox@carrollcox.com>  
Date: 02/04/2011 10:47AM

Subject: [FWD: FW: Call for resignation or removal of DOH Deputy Gary Gill made]

Aloha Bill,

Thank you! Please share the attached press release with Alexis and other EPA staff that is involved with the Waimanalo Gulch Landfill matter.

Cheers,

Carroll

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----- Original Message -----

Subject: FW: Call for resignation or removal of DOH Deputy Gary Gill made

From: Scott Foster <[fosters005@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:fosters005@hawaii.rr.com)>

Date: Thu, February 03, 2011 8:54 pm

To: [carroll@carrollcox.com](mailto:carroll@carrollcox.com)

Dear Carroll Cox,

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HAWAII ENVIRONMENTAL WATCHDOG CALLS FOR REMOVAL OF STATE  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL AND AN INVESTIGATION BY  
U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN COLLEEN HANABUSA

*Findings Reveal Deputy Director of Health Gary Gill Grossly Misled Media & Public  
About Waimanalo Gulch Landfill Catastrophe*

HONOLULU: FEBRUARY 03, 2011 -- Weeks have passed since environmental & human rights advocate, Carroll Cox first began calling attention to what turned out to be the second unauthorized release of contaminated water (leachate) and mud -- containing garbage, heavy metals and chemicals such as chlordane, fecal matter and medical waste (including vials of blood and syringes) from Oahu's huge Waimanalo Gulch Landfill (dump). Cox had warned officials at the State Department of Health in early January of 2011, that just such catastrophic events would likely occur during Hawaii's winter rains. Cox soon began to present his findings on his regular Sunday [Carroll Cox Show](#) on KWAH 1080-AM radio and wrote [Needles and Other Nonsense: Medical Waste Pollutes Ocean By Ko Olina Resort](#).

But instead of cooperation from City & County and State Health Department officials, Cox was met with a barrage of misinformation, stonewalling, lies and character assassination in the form of a January 27, 2011, Honolulu City and County press release labeling key elements of Cox's statements as "...false and incorrect information."

Carroll Cox said, "From past experience, I expected some bureaucratic push-back but never anything like this -- and certainly not from this new administration." Cox is now calling for the resignation or removal of Deputy Health Director Gary Gill and for a federal investigation "into the whole sordid mess" by U.S. District 2 Representative Colleen Hanabusa who has her own long experience in fighting to regulate and close the controversial city dump.

In a [published interview](#) (January 28, 2010) with Hawaii's Civil Beat, Gill said the release of the contaminated water and debris had been approved by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA.) Gill quickly backtracked on his statement after Cox called the EPA and learned the Deputy Health Director's statements were not true. Now, according to [Civil Beat](#), Gill is claiming "... he started working at the Department of Health on Jan. 3 and could not speak to what had happened before his tenure." Cox says, "This too is an outright fabrication. Gill's appointment was announced on December 18th, 2011, and I have it on good authority -- from eye witnesses -- that Gill was taken on a tour of the problematic landfill and briefed by officials of the Solid & Hazardous Waste Branch of Hawai'i's Department of Health in late December of 2010 -- weeks before these recent disasters. He knew about the potentially catastrophic situation long before January 3, 2011 and he failed to act." Cox noted, "Gary Gill must go. The public health crisis caused by his inattention and gross misrepresentations of the facts have culminated in unfathomable financial and environmental costs to the local community, surfers and swimmers, paddlers,

fishermen, to the Ko Olina Resort hotel and their gated condo development, the Disney Company's new Aulani Resort & Spa, and to the dolphins, turtles and monk seals that frequent the area daily. His failure to act responsibly and in a timely manner has caused delays on bulk and other trash pickup all over Oahu and the entire affair has badly tarnished Hawaii's image around the world. Why wasn't this situation immediately declared an emergency? Gill's reckless abandon with our public health and welfare has demonstrated that he should not be leading the Department of Health which is currently devoid of a director."



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